APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

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I WAS AFRAID

RIGHT, I GATHERED AS MUCH.
BUT HOW COME? WE'VE HAD TO FEND OFF EXORCISTS, WITCHES AND DEMONS, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BAT AN EYE.
I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY I STILL HAVEN'T, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

THIS... IS DIFFERENT.
THE HORSES WERE PART OF US. THEY KNOW EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US INTIMATELY.
WHETHER THEY MEAN TO USE OR DESTROY US, THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY APPEAL TO OUR OLDER VICES AND FRAILTIES.
I SUPPOSE. BUT WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM WREAK HAVOC ACROSS TOWN!

LISTEN. I DON'T LIKE THIS ANYMORE THAN YOU DO. BUT WE'VE GOTTA FIX THIS.

THESE THINGS ARE HERE BECAUSE OF YOU. AND OSCAR IS OVER THERE BECAUSE OF ME.

WE'RE ALL RESPONSIBLE.

BESIDES, WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE WARRACE AND THE OTHERS TO DEAL WITH THIS ON THEIR OWN.
THEY NEVER SHOULD HAVE LEFT.
I TRIED TO STOP THEM.
YOU TRIED TO SCARE THEM. THAT'S NOT THE SAME THING.

BESIDES, THEY'RE A LOT STRONGER THAN YOU GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR. YOU SHOULDN'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THEM.
YOU FORGET THE CHILD IS WORKING AGAINST US AS WELL.
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES!

WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU SAID YOU HAD FREE WILL*
WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF PUTTING IT TO THE TEST?

*: SEE CHI-EP13 "DARK FORCES".

I KNOW YOU'RE ALL ASHAMED OF WHAT YOU USED TO BE. BUT YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THEN!

THE HORSES MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE OLD HORSEMEN. BUT I KNOW WHAT THE NEW ONES ARE LIKE.

AND I TRUST THEM.

YOU'RE ALL KIND, FORGIVING, AND COMPASSIONATE.
YOU ARE STRONGER THAN THEY ARE.

THERE IS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
THAT ... IS NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.
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YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND... THE HORSES ARE NOT JUST RANDOM PARTS OF US.
THEY ARE SPECIFIC FRAGMENTS WE HAD TO LEAVE BEHIND. THINGS THAT MADE US DANGEROUS.
HATRED WAS WARRACE'S RAGE. HUNGER WAS MARVIN'S CRUELTY...
AND YOURS?

MINE WAS DIFFERENT.
OBLIVION HAD NO PERSONALITY OF HIS OWN. WITHOUT ME, HE WAS HARMLESS.
SO I...
I GAVE HIM MY POWER.

YOU MEAN HE SHARES YOUR POWER?!
NO I MEAN HE HAS IT ALL.

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